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held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva,
on Tuesday, 1 April 1975, at 9.55 a.m.

<u>Chairman:</u>	Mr. AMERASINGHE	Sri Lanka
<u>Rapporteur-</u>		
<u>General</u>	Mr. RATTRAY	Jamaica

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PROGRESS OF WORK: REPORTS BY THE CHAIRMEN OF THE COMMITTEES

Mr. ENGO (United Republic of Cameroon), Chairman of the First Committee, said it was still too early to make substantive statements on the progress achieved, and informed the General Committee that the activities of the Working Group and the consultations had continued. The members of the First Committee were showing a spirit of co-operation, but it was difficult to say precisely how far the Committee had advanced in its work.

Mr. GALINDO POHL (El Salvador), Chairman of the Second Committee, said that the Second Committee had continued its work in accordance with the timetable it had set itself. It was still too early to report on results, but work was going forward in a favourable atmosphere. The Committee had nearly completed the first stage of its work and would shortly be entering on the second stage. It was devoting its time to informal meetings and consultations, and trying to avoid duplication. It would very soon have to decide what the second stage of its work would be.

The CHAIRMAN, in the absence of the Chairman of the Third Committee, called on the representative of Colombia.

Mr. GERMAN ZEA (Colombia) said he regretted that he was not in a position to report on the work done by the Third Committee, as he had not sufficient knowledge of its activities.

Mr. KNOKE (Federal Republic of Germany) said he was in the same position as the representative of Colombia. He could say, however, that a new proposal concerning item 12 had been submitted to the Third Committee, and that in his view the working groups dealing with items 13 and 14 had made some progress; but that was merely a subjective impression.

The CHAIRMAN informed the General Committee that he intended to meet the chairmen of the various informal working groups in order to obtain the latest information on the organization of work and the progress made.

The meeting rose at 10.5 a.m.